

## Grass Lawn Neighborhood Alternatives and Preliminary Recommendations

### Transportation Improvements

<b>Issue:</b>	What transportation improvements would the CAC like to see occur in the Grass Lawn neighborhood and what are the Committee's top priorities?																										
<b>Background/Description:</b>  <u>What is the 6-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)?</u> <u>What is the Capital Improvement Program (CIP)?</u> The 6-year TIP is a short-range planning document that identifies funded, and unfunded projects that are planned or needed over the next six years. The TIP is updated annually by the City Council, and is based on needs and policies identified in the more long-range plans such as the Redmond Comprehensive Plan and Downtown Master Plan. Projects move	<b>Background</b>  Transportation and the development of Redmond's transportation system plays a central role in the functioning of Redmond's urban environment and quality of life for its residents and businesses. The Growth Management Act requires the City to demonstrate, through its Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element, what facilities, services and/or strategies are required in order to adequately support the adopted land use plan.  Adequacy of facilities is determined by evaluating forecasted system performance against adopted service standards. The Transportation Facility Plan (TFP) serves as a guide for long-term transportation investment decisions. The Transportation section of the City's Capital Improvement Program is consistent with the long-range TFP. The TFP identifies needed transportation improvements for a 12-15 year planning period, and is updated at least once every three years and no more frequently than once a year. The TFP will be updated again in 2004.  <b><u>Planned projects currently included in the TFP slated for Grass Lawn Neighborhood:</u></b> <table border="1" data-bbox="418 1192 1507 1932"> <thead> <tr> <th>Project ID</th><th>Project Type</th><th>Project Description</th><th>Project Status</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>RED-TFP-048*</td><td>Road widening</td><td>Widen Old Redmond Road to 2-3 lanes from 140<sup>th</sup> AVE NE to 148<sup>th</sup> AVE NE.</td><td>Completed</td></tr> <tr> <td>RED-TFP-075</td><td>Road widening</td><td>Widen 140<sup>th</sup> AVE NE to 2-3 lanes from south city limits to NE 80<sup>th</sup> ST.</td><td>Under construction: <i>Contact: Dennis Brunelle 556-2724</i></td></tr> <tr> <td>RED-TFP-804-01</td><td>Intersection Improvement</td><td>Add a westbound right-turn lane on Redmond Way.</td><td>Completed</td></tr> <tr> <td>RED-TFP-804-02</td><td>Intersection Improvement</td><td>Add 2<sup>nd</sup> eastbound and westbound left turn lane to Redmond Way.</td><td>Not started <i>Contact: Terry Marpert 556-2428</i></td></tr> <tr> <td>RED-TFP-906</td><td>HOV/Transit</td><td>Construct HOV lanes on Redmond Way from 148<sup>th</sup> AVE NE to I-405. <i>Project revision per Sound Transit to eliminate HOV lanes and construct queue bypass on Redmond Way at 132<sup>nd</sup> AVE. Sidewalks with separated landscape strip expected to be constructed. City is requesting the pedestrian improvement be extended to 140<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE..</i></td><td>Sound Transit is considering approving 30% design drawings. <i>Contact: Terry Marpert 556-2428</i></td></tr> </tbody> </table>			Project ID	Project Type	Project Description	Project Status	RED-TFP-048*	Road widening	Widen Old Redmond Road to 2-3 lanes from 140 <sup>th</sup> AVE NE to 148 <sup>th</sup> AVE NE.	Completed	RED-TFP-075	Road widening	Widen 140 <sup>th</sup> AVE NE to 2-3 lanes from south city limits to NE 80 <sup>th</sup> ST.	Under construction: <i>Contact: Dennis Brunelle 556-2724</i>	RED-TFP-804-01	Intersection Improvement	Add a westbound right-turn lane on Redmond Way.	Completed	RED-TFP-804-02	Intersection Improvement	Add 2 <sup>nd</sup> eastbound and westbound left turn lane to Redmond Way.	Not started <i>Contact: Terry Marpert 556-2428</i>	RED-TFP-906	HOV/Transit	Construct HOV lanes on Redmond Way from 148 <sup>th</sup> AVE NE to I-405. <i>Project revision per Sound Transit to eliminate HOV lanes and construct queue bypass on Redmond Way at 132<sup>nd</sup> AVE. Sidewalks with separated landscape strip expected to be constructed. City is requesting the pedestrian improvement be extended to 140<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE..</i>	Sound Transit is considering approving 30% design drawings. <i>Contact: Terry Marpert 556-2428</i>
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from the TIP to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) when they have been funded. The CIP is updated bi-annually with the City's budget.

\* TIP project #S16 proposes to widen Old Redmond Road to 2-3 lanes from 132<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE to 136<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE including curb, gutter, sidewalk and underground utilities to match what is existing.

### **Description**

Beginning with the February kick-off meeting for the Grass Lawn neighborhood plan update, various neighborhood residents and the CAC made suggestions for neighborhood transportation improvements. As part of the update to the Grass Lawn neighborhood plan, staff recommends the CAC further identify desired transportation improvements and prioritize them. This information will be very helpful to City transportation staff as well as the City Council. City staff may make recommendations to the City Council on funding for capital improvement projects. However, the City Council makes the funding decisions. Other city projects that request funding are also taken into consideration in the Council's decision making. Both the City Council and staff encourage the CAC to prioritize planned projects as well as new project ideas. Input from the neighborhood is very helpful and desired.

Comments received from the CAC and neighborhood residents so far on suggested transportation improvements are in the following categories: street lights, sidewalks, pedestrian crossings, and transit. Specific suggestions are listed below.

#### Street lights

- Improve lighting at the intersection of 71<sup>st</sup> and 143<sup>rd</sup> near the entrance to Grass Lawn Park.
- Improve lighting in the 49 Firs subdivision (Crestwood Addition No.2). *City transportation staff followed up on this comment and found the street light spacing and locations to be appropriate per national standards. However, the CAC could still request additional lighting*
- Other?

#### Sidewalks

- Sidewalks in the 49 Firs subdivision are missing in various locations and cause safety concerns, forcing pedestrians to walk in the streets.
- Staff suggests the CAC consider prioritizing planned neighborhood sidewalk improvements.
- Sidewalks and curbs in Tally Ho Division 4 are deteriorating, raised and sinking. *The City does not currently have a curb replacement program. However, the CAC could propose one for consideration.*
- Other?

#### Pedestrian Crossings

Improved Crossings on 148<sup>th</sup> and Old Redmond Road to Grass Lawn Park:

- Old Redmond Road between 148<sup>th</sup> and 80<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Other?

	<p><u>Bicycle Lanes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More opportunities to walk and bike to Grass Lawn Park from the north would be healthier for people and more kid friendly. <i>When the Verizon property to the north of Grass Lawn Park develops a pedestrian connection will be required from the developer. The CAC could suggest the City pursue means to buy property along Peters Creek or other land that becomes available to make better connections from the north to Grass Lawn Park.</i></li> <li>• Staff suggests the CAC consider prioritizing planned neighborhood bike lane improvements.</li> <li>• Other?</li> </ul> <p><u>Transit</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Covered shelters at bus stops (Old Redmond Road and 140<sup>th</sup> AVE NE).</li> <li>• Other?</li> </ul> <p><u>Overall</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better pedestrian connections between all neighborhoods in Grass Lawn are needed. Specific ideas?</li> <li>• Make neighborhood more pedestrian friendly to get people out of their autos. Specific ideas?</li> </ul>
<b>Alternatives:</b>	<p>Identify any transportation improvements you want staff to explore for consideration on the CAC's final priority list. Are there any suggested improvements noted above that should be removed from consideration at this point?</p>